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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced today that on the evening of May 26, 2004, agents of the United States Bureau of Immigration & Customs Enforcement, assisted by investigators from the Norfolk and Virginia Beach Police Departments, effected the arrest of three individuals on federal charges and seized large quantities of cocaine and crack cocaine. Additionally, six individuals were arrested on state charges.

The individuals arrested on federal charges are Willie E. Johnson, age 47 of Virginia Beach, charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and crack cocaine; Antoinette Hamlin, age 41, of Norfolk, charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and crack cocaine; and Carlos J. Williams, age 23, of Norfolk, charged with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. These arrests followed the execution of four federal search warrants and a traffic stop.

Willie E. Johnson and Carlos J. Williams were stopped while operating a Dodge Ram truck in the area of Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake, Virginia. Willie E. Johnson possessed approximately ½ kilogram of cocaine and 8 ounces of crack cocaine. On the floor of the vehicle by Carlos Williams' feet, was a bag containing approximately ½ kilogram of crack cocaine.

Following the arrests, agents executed a federal search warrant at a residence in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where they located approximately \$57,000.00 in U.S. currency, approximately ½ kilogram of crack cocaine and 1 kilogram of cocaine. They also seized four high-end vehicles.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Everhart is handling this case for the United States Attorney's Office.

(All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.)

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